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SUBJECT: MIKHAIL HAMMOND

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1. FOR MOSCOW: CONSIDERING RSO VIENNA'S JUDGMENT THAT HAMMOND APPEARS TO BE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, SEE NO REASON WHY EMBASSY SHOULD WITHDRAW VISA SUPPORT NOTE.

2. FOR VIENNA: USIA GRATEFUL FOR EFFORTS RSO CLEAR UP HAMMOND CASE. WE NOTE THAT PARA 8 REFTEL 2 STATES THAT HAMMOND STILL HAS OFFICIAL PASSPORT IN HIS POSSESSION. SINCE HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES ARE CONCLUDED AND AS HE NO LONGER USG EMPLOYEE, RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY VIENNA COLLECT HAMMOND'S OFFICIAL PASSPORT BEFORE HE PROCEEDS TO USSR.

3. REPEATED VIENNA FOR ACTION.

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